

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3756

TITLE: TREE TRIMMER II

GRADE: S-17

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, leads a tree crew in performing skilled and semi-skilled manual tree maintenance work for Parks, Governmental Centers, Fire Stations, Police Station, Libraries, Stream Valley and other designated County-owned property; involves considerable responsibility, complexity and variety of work to assure proper care of trees, correct operation of equipment, and safety of crew; duties are specialized due to the hazardous nature and team work required of the crew; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This class is distinguished from the Tree Trimmer I class in that it involves climbing trees which are more difficult (often at greater heights), requiring enhanced skill levels and leading journey-level tree trimmers.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Directs the work of an assigned crew in forestry related tasks;
Receives work orders, inspects work site and decides best way to handle tree removal (e.g., cut from ground, use bucket, or climb tree);
Climbs the more difficult trees using safety saddle, ropes, safety belt, spikes, and bucket truck, that must be removed carefully due to nearby buildings, electric wires, or other structures;
Directs activities of ground crew;
Operates bucket truck, chain saws, chipper and stump cutter;
Follows safety procedures, and assures all signs, cones, flag person and safety gear are used while on job site;
Performs preventive maintenance tasks on equipment and orders necessary parts;
Ensures vehicles are road worthy;
Completes daily work report of work completed;
Responds on-call 24 hours, if needed, to control emergency tree related work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Working knowledge of the methods, materials, and tools used in tree climbing and related arboricultural work;
Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of tree climbing/maintenance;
Skill in the use of various tools, equipment and materials of the trade;
Ability and skill in climbing trees and working at excessive heights;
Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions;
Ability to recognize conditions of trees;
Ability to lead subordinates.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to:
Graduation from high school or a G.E.D. issued by a state department of education; PLUS
Four years experience in tree trimming or related work.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Some positions may require a Commercial Driver's License in the state of residence or the ability to obtain same at the time of license expiration. May be required to provide copies of driving record periodically for verification of driving status.

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